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PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE  $\alpha$ -AMINO ACID  
DERIVATIVE USING THE QUATERNARY AMMONIUM  
SALT**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows: